

Sinclair Broadcasting's choice to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the election is clearly an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we end up getting more of what's good for their interests and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, I think it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more impartial news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Let's hold these companies accountable. Thank you.